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SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF DUAL NATIONAL US-GUATEMALAN CITIZEN

REF: GUATEMALA 944

1. BROL'S KIDNAPPERS MADE CONTACT AFTERNOON FEB 15
AFTER DISPATCH REFTEL. LIGHT HAIR WOMAN AND CHILD IN
PICKUP CAME TO HOUSE OF EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER GRIFFIN
AROUND 1:00 PM TO DELIVER FLOWERS, TWO LETTERS FROM
KIDNAPPERS, AND TEN MINUTE TAPE OF BROL'S VOICE. LETTERS
AND TAPE WERE DELIVERED BY LIGHT HAIR WOMAN TO MAID
(NEITHER GRIFFIN OR HIS WIFE WAS AT HOME AT TIME). LETTERS
WERE ADDRESSED TO SENORA MADELINE BROL (GRIFFIN'S WIFE'S
MAIDEN NAME). IN TAPE, BROL REQUESTED FAMILY COOPERATE WITH
KIDNAPPERS AND PAY FULL AMOUNT OR HE SAID THEY WOULD KILL
HIM. LETTERS FROM KIDNAPPERS STATED THAT THEY WERE AWARE
THAT FAMILY HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH GOG SECURITY AUTHORITIES
(NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER THIS IS A BLUFF OR NOT), AND
GAVE THE FAMILY UNTIL SATURDAY FEB 19 TO PUT ANNOUNCEMENT
IN PAPER SIGNIFYING THEY WERE READY TO PAY RANSOM.

2. EMBASSY IS CONSIDERING TOGETHER WITH GRIFFIN WHAT
ADDITIONAL SECURITY, IF ANY, SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO GRIFFIN
AND HIS WIFE AND CHILD IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS,
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WHICH WOULD NOT BE FOUND OUT BY KIDNAPPERS THEREBY JEOPARDIZING
BROL'S LIFE.

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